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LOFTUS
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T
for the Year 1966
of the Medical Officer of Health
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
LOFTUS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1966 the contents of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation to take its usual first place, with cancer a close second.

The "Meals on Wheels" service continued to do the good work of previous years in caring for the nutrition of the aged people of the district.

The Chiropody service, which was instituted during the previous year, continued to thrive; increasing numbers of aged and handicapped persons visited the clinic for attention to their feet.

The attendance of children at the clinic continued to grow and I am very pleased to state that the immunisation figure for the district still continued its upward trend.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. W. C. Ranson, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally, I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Mrs. D. E. Seccombe, who working in the Area Health Office, have contributed to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1967.

TABLE 1
Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.		Dr. T. M. B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspectors	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray Mr. G. K. Hope

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Loftus Area.

Miss R. F. Cracknell	Health Visitor School Nurse
Miss E. A. Carswell	Health Visitor School Nurse
Miss H. J. Lindsley	District Nurse Midwife
Miss E. Pressick	District Nurse Midwife
Mrs. A. Thompson	District Nurse Midwife
Miss D. G. Pybus	District Nurse
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Mrs. D. E. Seccombe	Clerk Typist

SECTION 1.
Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1966 is 8,120 which is unaltered as compared with the 1965 estimate.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres	...	...	9,974
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books			2,790
3. Rateable Value	...	...	£297,211
4. Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	£1,201

The District consists of the town of Loftus, the industrial communities of Skinningrove and part of Carlin How and the hamlets of Liverton, Scaling, Easington, Street Houses and Cowbar. The principal industries today are the iron and steel works and agriculture.

TABLE 2 — Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

	MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	...	—
Syphilitic disease	...	—
Diphtheria	...	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	—	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	7
Leukaemia	—	—
Diabetes	1	1
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	4	12
Coronary Disease, Angina	9	7
Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	—
Other Heart Diseases	6	2
Other Circulatory Diseases	2	1
Influenza	—	1
Pneumonia	4	4
Bronchitis	6	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	—	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	—	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	—
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—
All other accidents	3	—
Suicide	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	—	—
ALL CAUSES	46	45

Deaths

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 91 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 13.3 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.7 for England and Wales.

TABLE 3

Vital Statistics

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	...	88	69	157
Legitimate	...	86	67	153
Illegitimate	—	2	2	4
Still Births	...	1	1	2
Legitimate	...	1	—	1
Illegitimate	—	—	1	1

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

		MALE	FEMALE
Total	...	...	—
Legitimate	...	2	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Births

The number of births registered in the district during the year was 157, giving a corrected birth rate of 20.7 per thousand of the population compared to 17.7 for England and Wales.

Two infants under the age of one year died, giving an infantile mortality rate of 12.7 per thousand live births compared with one of 19.0 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1965
(other than Tuberculosis)

TABLE 5**Tuberculosis**

No new case of respiratory tuberculosis and none of non-respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year. There were no deaths from this disease.

TABLE 6**Immunisation and Vaccination**

Immunisation against Diphtheria	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	79	37	26	142
Immunisation against Whooping Cough		0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed		116	—	116
Vaccination (Smallpox)	PRIMARY		RE-VACCINATION	
	41		37	
Poliomyelitis Vaccination	PRIMARY		REINFORCING	
	197		108	

The General Provision of Health Services in the District**1. Laboratory Facilities**

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton and Loftus,, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Prevention of Illness—Care and After-Care

The work previously carried out under this heading by the Voluntary Care Committee is now being undertaken by the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Medical Officer of Health, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough. (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

There was no procedure taken under these acts during 1966.

SECTION II

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1966

by W. C. Ranson, M.R.S.H.
Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Loftus Urban District Council*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work carried out in the year ending 31st December, 1966.

Water Supplies

During the year sixty-two samples of water were taken from various supply points in the district for bacteriological examination. Of these, only one showed a quality of water which was below standard.

The results of these samples are contained in the following table, but refer only to water after treatment and as received by the consumer at the point of supply.

TABLE 1.

AREA OF SUPPLY		CLASSIFICATION											
Zetland Estate—South Loftus	....	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tees Valley Water Board—Liverton Mines		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tees Valley Water Board—Skinningrove	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tees Valley Water Board—Loftus	....	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
Tees Valley Water Board—Easington	....	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	—	1	1
Tees Valley Water Board—Liverton Village		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board, the statutory water undertakers for the main parts of the Loftus Urban District, are responsible for the bacteriological examination of the raw water and for other samples and analyses, including plumbago solvency, before the water is passed to the distributing mains. Results of these samples are not, therefore, available for this report.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1965

During the year 315 visits were made to premises under the Food Hygiene Regulations, and the general standard of hygiene was found to be very good. Minor infringements of the Regulations, however, were found in eighteen cases, all these being remedied by informal action.

In the early part of the year the swabbing of food handlers, commenced towards the end of 1965, was completed, and of the ninety-six swabs examined it is pleasing to note that all returned negative results.

The following table shews the number of food premises of various types within the Urban District.

	Premises	Complying with Reg. 16	Complying with Reg. 19	Reg. 19 Applies
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Fishmongers	1	1	1	1
Grocers	21	21	21	21
Greengrocers	5	5	5	5
Bakers and Confectioners	3	3	3	3
Sweets & General Goods	27	27	27	27
Canteens, etc.	6	6	6	6
Licensed Premises	18	18	18	18
Fish frying premises	7	7	7	7
Bakehouses	5	5	5	5

Licensed Premises

There are 18 licensed premises in the area. 56 inspections have been made to these.

Fish Frying

There are 7 fish frying premises in the district and thirty-five inspections were made during the year.

Bakehouses

There are five bakehouses in use in the district. Thirty-two inspections of these were carried out during the year and two infringements were found. These were remedied by informal action.

Food Poisoning

One outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year following an Old People's Trip organised by one of the local clubs. A number of persons were infected by *Salmonella* poisoning, and in this connection seventy-eight persons were visited, when it was found that three persons were actively concerned in the food trade. On the advice of the Medical Officer of Health, these three persons discontinued work until tests proved them free from infection.

A total of 245 visits were made in connection with this outbreak.

Meat Inspection

There are two private slaughterhouses in operation within the Urban District, and as a result of the increase of throughput at the contract slaughterhouse serving a number of butchers in the Tees-side area, the total number of animals slaughtered was increased by approximately 73% over the previous year.

465 visits were made to the slaughterhouses during the year, and 100% inspection of all meat slaughtered was maintained. Due to the co-operation of the butchers concerned, it was not necessary to control the times of slaughter in accordance with the Meat Inspection Amendment Regulations, 1966, but it was necessary for your Inspectors to operate a rota system necessitating a certain amount of overtime to cover Bank Holiday periods.

As a result of these inspections, 1 ton 12 cwts. 3 qtrs. of meat and offal were condemned as being diseased or otherwise unfit for human consumption. The whole of this amount, with the exception of one carcase of beef, which was seized in accordance with the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, was surrendered voluntarily.

The following tables shew meat and offal inspected and condemned during the year, and the reasons for condemnation.

TABLE 2 a—Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2347	61	12	7559	3462	—
Number inspected	2347	61	12	7559	3464	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	2	—	—	2	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	140	15	—	38	82	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	6.05%	24.72%	—	0.5%	2.39%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	—	—	—	42	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.08%	—	—	—	1.21%	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number affected with <i>Cysticercus Bovis</i>	0.04%	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE 2b

1 Beast Liver	..	Tuberculosis	42 Pig Heads	Tuberculosis
2 Beast Livers		Parasitic	4 Pig Heads	Abscesses
5 Beast Livers		Cystic	3 Pig Livers	Milk Spot
5 Beast Livers		Telangiectasis	30 Pig Livers	Parasitical
43 Beast Livers		Abscesses	18 Pig Plucks	Pericarditis & Pleurisy
83 Beast Livers	....	Distomatosis	21 Pig Hearts	Pericarditis
6 Beast Livers	....	Cirrhosis	9 Pig Lungs	Pneumonia
2 Beast Lungs		Pneumonia	12 lbs. Pork	Abscesses
1 Beast Lungs		Actinobacillosis	31 Sheep Livers	Parasitical
2 Beast Lungs		Abscesses	4 Sheep Livers	Distomatosis
1 Beast Lungs	....	Cystic	1 Sheep Liver	Cystic
4 Beast Hearts	...	Degenerated Cyst	1 Beast Head	Degenerated Cyst
3 Beast Heads		Actinomycosis	1 Beast Kidney	Abscesses
1 Beast Head	....	Cysticercus Bovis	18 lbs. Beef	Bruising
1 Carcase of Pork and all organs	...			Acute Fever
1 Carcase of Mutton and all organs	..			Dropsy and emaciation
1 Carcase of Mutton and all organs	....			Poorness and emaciation
2 Carcasses of Beef and all organs	....			Moribund and imperfect bleeding.

*In the case of the two animals infected with tuberculosis, the animals were of Irish origin and the facts were notified to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The carcase and organ of the animal infected with *Cysticercus Bovis* were subject to cold storage for the prescribed period.

In the case of the two carcasses of beef found to be moribund and imperfectly bled, one was surrendered voluntarily, but as a result of the owner refusing to accept the decision of your Inspector, the second carcase was seized in accordance with the requirements of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

In addition to meat inspected during the year, tinned and other foods have also been inspected as a result of co-operation between your Inspectors and the owners and managers of food shops within the district. The following foods which were unfit for human consumption were voluntarily surrendered:—

TABLE 2c**Tinned Foods**

Meat	....	152 lbs. 15 ozs.	Fruit	....	119 lbs. 8 ozs.
Vegetables	....	110 lbs. 5 ozs.	Fish	....	43 lbs. 12 ozs.
Preserves	....	6 lbs.	Puddings	....	11 lbs. 10 ozs.
Milk	....	104 lbs.	Soup	....	11 lbs. 9 ozs.

Other Food

22 Packets Potato Sticks

Milk Supplies

During the year nine samples of milk were subjected to the Brucella Abortus ring test and all the results were negative.

In addition, five swabs were taken from persons who had been in contact with a calf which was reported to have died as a result of infection by *Salmonella Dublin*. All these swabs returned negative results.

Ice Cream

There is no ice cream manufactured in the district, but thirty-one premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

During the year one sample of loose ice cream was obtained from a travelling vendor and subjected to the Methylene Blue test, this was classified as Grade (1). Difficulty is experienced in obtaining this type of sample due to the fact that the majority of travelling ice cream vendors operate from premises outside the Urban District, and consequently, it is not always possible to obtain ice cream samples to coincide with the regular sampling of water and milk.

HOUSING

Housing Statistics

New Houses erected

(a) By private owners	....	....	....	....	19
(b) By the Council	....	....	....	....	4

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	521
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	785
2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	....	Nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	Nil
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	....	3
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	518

Housing Statistics—*continued*

2. *Remedy for defects during the year without service of formal notices*

(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	516
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3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	...	...	...
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	Nil

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	2
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	...	...	...	2
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	Nil

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	3
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	Nil

D. Proceedings under Section 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35, Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	...	...	...	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936, Part 4, Overcrowding*

No accurate figures are available.

5. *Housing Act, 1949, and Housing Repairs and Rents Acts, 1954 and 1957*

(1) (a) Number of Improvement Grants made—Standard	...	...	40
Discretionary	...	...	7
(b) Number of Improvement Grants refused	...	...	Nil
(2) (a) Number of Certificates of Disrepair granted	...	...	Nil
(b) Number of Certificates of Disrepair revoked	...	...	Nil

Sanitary Circumstances of the District

The following table shews the inspections for Nuisances which have been carried out by my department during the year. These inspections do not include inspections made under the Housing Acts, but include all inspections, other than food inspections, made during the year.

TABLE 3

Nuisances

Total number of inspections made for nuisances only	217
Nuisances found	183
Nuisances in hand end of previous year	1
	—
Total needing abatement	184
Abated during the year	181
	—
Outstanding at end of year	3
	—
Notices served—Informal 179	Complied with 179
Notices served—Statutory 4	Complied with 1
Number of summonses or legal proceedings — Nil.	

Regulated Buildings, Trades, Etc.

There are no common lodging houses, houses let in lodgings or knackers' yards within the Urban District.

Byelaws in Force in the District

The Building Byelaws were superseded in February by the Building Regulations.

Sanitary Accommodation

During the year there were eight conversions to the water carriage system bringing the total number of houses on this system to 2744, leaving 46 houses without the water carriage system of sewage disposal. Of these houses, 22 can be connected to a sewer, and efforts are being made to encourage the owners to carry out the necessary conversions; but the remaining 24 houses cannot, at the present time, be connected to a sewer. A number of these houses will, however, be able to connect to the proposed sewer extension to Liverton Village. In the case of the remaining houses, the owners are being advised on the use of septic tanks and filter installations.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The weekly collection of refuse has been maintained during the year except for isolated dwellings which are subject to periodic collection. In order to maintain this collection of refuse, it has been necessary to augment the regular collection team by the use of additional transport and men to compensate for time lost during public holidays.

A further extension of the paper sack system was brought into use on Easington Park Estate. Periodic trouble is being experienced on these unguarded units by marauding dogs which are allowed to roam the estate uncontrolled. This problem, together with complaints of tearing away of bags during high winds, is being investigated.

Controlled tipping of refuse has continued during the year at Deepdale site, using the tractor digger full time to cover all refuse. Considerable difficulty has again been experienced during the year due to unauthorised persons gaining access to the tip and causing fires along the tip face.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

In accordance with the above mentioned Act 71 premises are registered, and, of these, 34 were inspected during the year. 90 contraventions of the Act were noted by your Inspectors.

The following table shews an analysis of these contraventions:—

Section	Number of contraventions found	Section	Number of contraventions found
7	Ventilation 1	13	Sitting facilities 2
8	Lighting 34	15	Eating facilities 1
9	Sanitary conveniences 4	16	Floors, passage and stairs 5
11	Supply of drinking water 1	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery 10
12	Clothing accommodation 12	24	First aid General provisions 20
		TOTAL 90	

Moveable Dwellings

There are three licensed caravan sites in the area, all of which are seasonal and operate from 1st April to the 31st October. All were well maintained during the period.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The disposal of sewage is by direct discharge to the sea, and no complaints regarding fouling of the beaches were received during the year. Normal maintenance works were carried out to the base of the marker beacon.

The removal of blockages from sewers and drains within the district is still a problem. Whilst it is appreciated that blockages will occur from time to time, some of the objects removed, especially from the main sewer could not have gained access under normal conditions.

The co-operation between local contractors engaged on drainage work and my department continues to be very good, and advice regarding drainage layouts and the use of septic tanks is freely given.

All new drainage work continues to be subject to the water test, but, as is usual, during any period of water shortage a smoke test is substituted.

Snow Clearance

During the early part of the year time was again spent on snow clearance, especially on the unclassified roads leading out of Loftus, where drifting snow often creates difficulties.

Once again your Inspectors operated a rota system throughout the winter months to ensure that ice conditions on the roads, especially at the week ends, could receive prompt attention. In this connection I would like to thank the Forecast Officers at Royal Air Force, Leeming for their co-operation in providing a daily forecast of weather conditions which greatly assisted your Inspectors in this work.

Clean Air Act

During the year 29 observations were made, and in no case was black smoke emitted from any industrial chimneys.

The following table shews the deposit in tons per square mile in respect of the deposit gauge at Skinningrove, and the concentration of smoke in microgrammes per cubic metre in respect of the smoke filter at Loftus.

It should be noted, however, that both these sites were specially chosen in order that the highest possible readings could be obtained for the district. In addition, a monitor gauge was set up in Cawlin How in October, near to the ore tipping area of Skinningrove Iron Works.

TABLE 4
Atmospheric Pollution Tests

DEPOSIT GAUGE, SKINNINGROVE					SMOKE FILTER, LOFTUS			
Month	pH Value	Rainfall	Undissolved Matter	Fe ₂ O ₃	Month	Highest Value	Lowest Value	Average
Jan.	6.6	0.79	8.05	1.45	Jan.	371	24	131
Feb.	6.3	2.40	5.55	1.46	Feb.	260	38	89
March	6.9	0.17	21.24	4.65	March	144	46	81
April	6.7	3.05	8.68	2.87	April	144	19	61
May	6.5	0.79	17.00	3.67	May	144	24	53
June	6.8	1.56	17.40	3.04	June	60	12	35
July	4.5	2.52	7.78	3.14	July	76	15	42
Aug.	5.5	3.44	20.50	6.91	Aug.	104	16	46
Sept.	6.7	0.83	17.13	2.54	Sept.	98	29	61
Oct.	5.5	2.48	4.98	1.67	Oct.	171	27	82
Nov.	5.5	2.34	16.13	3.11	Nov.	224	14	94
Dec.	6.6	1.78	20.40	4.71	Dec.	277	53	118

Factories Act, 1961.

TABLE 5.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(I) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	5	—	—
(II) Factories not included in (I) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	17	29	—	—
(III) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	14	—	—
TOTAL	24	48	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Number of cases in which defects were found					
(1)	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
Cleanliness (S1)	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Temperature (S3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Ventilation (S4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Rodent Control

The control of rodents has continued with success during the year. The test baiting of the sewers was carried out twice during the year and only light infestations were found in isolated areas.

The following table shews the inspections, surveys and treatments carried out during the year.

TABLE 6

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Properties other than Sewers		
1. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification ..	25	3
(b) Number treated for (i) Rats ..	19	3
(ii) Mice ..	6	—
2. (a) Total number of properties surveyed for rats and or mice for reasons other than notification ..	50	11
(b) Number treated for (i) Rats ..	9	2
(ii) Mice ..	—	—

In conclusion my thanks are due to the Chairman and Members of the Council, Dr. T. M. B. Rohan, Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. T. C. Ellison, Clerk of the Council, for their interest and help in the running of the Department. During this year Mr. G. K. Hope joined the staff of the Department, as Assistant Surveyor and Additional Public Health Inspector. To Mr. W. Murray, Deputy Surveyor and Additional Public Health Inspector, Mr. Hope and Miss Hudson I extend my sincere thanks for their willing help in carrying out the increasing work of the Department. The loyal and good service of all outside staff is also very much appreciated.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
W. C. RANSON,
Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

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